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SUBJECT: NASA PORTABLE LANDSAT RECEIVER

REFS: (A) KARACHI 3223; (B) KARACHI 3229

1. NASA RESPONSE TO CHANGES AND QUESTIONS REFTELS FOLLOW.

2. REF (A), PARA 3A. THE SUGGESTED SUPARCO CHANGE THAT QUOTE PIA WILL BE USED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE TAPES UNQUOTE IS NOT CLEAR AND CAN BE INTERPRETED TWO WAYS: (A) PIAL WOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FROM PAKISTAN TO THE US OR (B) PIA WOULD BE USED IN THE ABSENCE OF A US FLAG CARRIER. THERE IS A 1974 US STATUTE (AS IMPLEMENTED BY REGULATIONS OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL) WHICH REQUIRES THE USE OF US FLAG CARRIERS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL AND GOODS. PAYMENT TO A NON-US FLAG

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CARRIER COULD BE DENIED BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL (GAO) IF AN AMERICAN CARRIER IS AVAILABLE. THEREFORE, OPTION (A) ABOVE COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER US LAW. TO LEGALLY MEET THE SUPARCO SUGGESTION RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING PHRASE BE USED: QUOTE IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT US AIR CARRIERS WILL BE USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF DATA TAPES WHEN AVAILABLE. PIA WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT DATA TAPES

TO LONDON WHEN US AIR CARRIERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
UNQUOTE.

3. REF A, PARA 3C. WE APPRECIATE SUPARCO'S DESIRE NOT TO BE TIED TO DAILY CLEARANCE; HOWEVER, DELETION OF WORD DAILY FROM PROPOSED TEXT CREATES VOID. PREFER SOME WORDING WHICH APPROACHES OUR TEXT SUCH AS QUOTE SUPARCO WILL MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORT TO ASSURE SAME DAY EXPORT OF DATA TAPES WHEN NASA STATION BECOMES OPERATIONAL UNQUOTE.

4. REF A, PARA 3D. AGREE TO CHANGE.

5. REF A, PARA 3B AND REF B, PARAS 2 AND 3. SUPARCO'S IMPRESSION THAT CCT'S BEING MADE DAILY FOR ALL LACIE SITES IS ERRONEOUS. LACIE SITES ARE SENSED AND DATA PROCESSED ONCE EVERY 18 DAYS. REPETITIVE COVERAGE FOR CROP STUDIES NORMALLY CONDUCTED EVERY 18 DAYS. PRESENTLY, NO REPEAT NO CCT'S BEING MADE OF PAKISTAN AREA; THEREFORE, DUPE TAPES CANNOT BE MADE. REFERENCE SUPARCO MAP. TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT COVERAGE OF AREA A TWO WOULD REQUIRE 17 SCENES. IN VIEW OF COST AND EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPABILITY, NASA WILLING TO PROVIDE 8 SCENES EVERY 18 DAYS DURING THE FOUR MONTH GROWING PERIOD WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO BE DECEMBER TO MARCH. THIS WILL PROVIDE OVER 90 PERCENT COVERAGE OF A TWO AREA. GSFC TURNAROUND TIME FOR CCT PRODUCTION IS MINIMUM OF 21 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF RAW DATA AT WHICH TIME CCT'S WILL BE TURNED OVER TO PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. TO CLEARLY SPELL OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY SUGGEST WORDING OF PARA C OF NASA BEST EFFORT READ: QUOTE PROVIDE SUPARCO WITH ONE COMPLETE SET OF 70MM AND SELECTED 240MM FILM, AFTER PROCESSING IN THE US OF DATA ACQUIRED BY PORTABLE STATION IN PAKISTAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS REQUIRED BY SUPARCO. FOR AREA A TWO NASA WILL PROVIDE CCT'S OF 8 SCENES EVERY 18 DAYS DURING A FOUR MONTH CROP GROWING PERIOD TO BE DESIGNATED BY SUPARCO. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PRODUCTION OF CCT'S REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 21 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF RAW DATA AND THAT CCT'S PRODUCED WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE PAKISTANI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C. END QUOTE.

6. FYI: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS NEW WORDING WILL DELAY
ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, FEEL THAT PINNING DOWN
DATA REQUIREMENTS IN AGREEMENT BEST WAY TO PROCEED TO
PRECLUDE FUTURE DISPUTE. SHIPMENT OF STATION WAS SCHE-
DULED WITH AF FOR AUGUST 3 BUT IS NOW IN HOLD STATUS. IF
AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON ABOVE CHANGES AND COPY OF
AGREEMENT INITIALED, WE ARE WILLING TO PROCEED WITH

SHIPMENT. TEAM CAN NEGOTIATE INCREASED NUMBER OF SCENES
FOR CCT COVERAGE NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN SCENES AND FOR A
TIME PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS. OUR DESIRE IS TO
TIE DOWN OUR COMMITMENT. END FYI.

7. ADVISE SOONEST OF ACCEPTABILITY OF ABOVE CHANGES. KISSINGER

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